

Having just read the proposed rules for the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard, we would like, respectfully, to draw to the attention of NHTSA and the motor industry that our window marking, registration and 24-hour verification system - provided as an original equipment feature with over 700,000 new UK vehicles in 2002 - has been shown to reduce the rate of vehicle theft by 55%. (Source : UK Police National Computer stolen vehicle file 1998-2001). Retainagroup has been in business since 1982 and we have a wide range of parts marking products, including an in-house developed, direct to glass laser etching system. Windows and/or parts are uniquely identified on-line at factories or import centres, with a Retainagroup code, or the VIN, and our 24-hour telephone number, and all relevant vehicle data, including security codes, is recorded on our International Security Register (ISR) with owner and driver names and contact details. Information is provided by ISR operators on an immediate basis, according to strict security protocols approved by Thatcham. The ISR is manned 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For further information please go to our website at www.retainagroup.com or contact Colin Gallagher via the contact details shown in the Report Summary. If required, we would be delighted to demonstrate our proven system, in the USA, to NHTSA or to any motor manufacturer or importer, or to any other interested organisation.